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Bart Carson drives the last nail into a wierd cabin which he has built with seven years' savings to house Lou, the belle of Rawlins, the only town in the desolate snowblanketed wilderness in which he lives.

Enroute to Rawlins he stops at an isolated cabin where lives Mrs. Walker and her two kiddies. Several years before her husband deserted her but she fakes a sorrowful heart into a cheery smile. Bart tells her that he is on his way to Rawlins to marry the finest girl in the world and Mrs. Walker sends him away with a smile and sincere wishes for his happiness.

Lou was a ravishing beauty and only weakness was that she loved a number of men. This, Bart didn't know until he discovered a man in her room.

The mail train has been robbed and Lou tells Bart that Walker is her brother; that he robbed the train so that she could have some pretty clothes in which to be married; that she persuaded him to commit the crime for her happiness.

Because he loves the woman, Bart assumes the guilt for the robbery and goes to prison, sentenced to sixteen years behind the grim walls of the penitentiary for a crime of which he was innocent.

Then, one day, word comes to the prison through underground channels of the true relationship existing between the man and Lady Lou. He also learns that the man is the worthless husband who deserted Mrs. Walker and her children in the cabin at Pilot Butte.

Bart escapes from the prison in a packing case and goes to Lou. In a spectacular flight he finds Walker and Lou on a train. The men fight and Walker plunges to his death over a trestle. Bart escapes and makes his way to the house where he last saw Mrs. Walker and the kiddies. It is Christmas Eve and Bart promises the little ones a wonderful present. He gets the little boy to snap the handcuffs on his wrists and when the sheriff comes, the child, thinking that it is all play, says "I captured him and I claim the reward".

The sheriff tells Bart, whom he likes, that Lou has confessed, that the robbery was a frame-up and it is plainly indicated that the judge, who was himself on the train, will juggle the case so that real justice will prevail.

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